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MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

CAPITOL DOINGS.

320 Bills in House Introduced First Week—Some Funny Propositions.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 14.—The Missouri Legislature, in both the House and Senate, began to get down to work last week. The members of the House are all worthy fellows, much above the average, it is said, and Speaker Atkinson is classed the handsomest man of either house.

Andrain's representative, Mr. Burch, is popular with all the members; was honored with the appointment as chairman of one of the most important committees of the House—Appropriations—and is one of the hardest workers of the Legislature.

D. A. Hughes, Callaway's representative, is one of the very youngest members, but he was the first fellow to get the Speaker's eye on the first announcement of the introduction of bills and introduced the first bill presented in the House.

T. B. Gaunaway, of Monroe county, is a new member of the House, but is a man of fine ability and was one of the committee sent to St. Louis to investigate some reported bad conditions in St. James Soldiers' Home. The motion for the appointment of this committee called forth a sarcastic and characteristic speech from Frank W. Farris, who made himself famous after a fashion while serving as State Senator two years ago.

Jon. F. Barry, of Ralls, and J. O. Stark from Pike, are two other popular fellows in the House.

Senator O. H. Avery, of Lincoln, well known to scores of his Audrain constituency is one of the main stand-bys in the Senate.

Some funny bills and resolutions were offered in the House and Senate last week. One was a proposition to replace the two bears on Missouri's coat of arms with two Missouri moles. One was in reference to the black spots on the wall at the side of the clock in the House made two years ago in the Republican scramble for who should be U. S. Senator, time moving too rapidly when a Republican member raised in his coat and tried to smash the clock with an ink bottle. Other laughable moves were made on account of radical bills previously introduced against lobbyists. One proposition was that lobbyists should be led to the seats of members and there they should accomplish their feats of corruption, and not outside the chamber or anywhere else.

But, seriously, the day of the lobbyist is pretty well done for. He will get no quarters from this session of the Missouri Legislature. The saloonists and brewers, by their defiance of law, are going to have a harder row to hoe hereafter also. The prospects are that the "lid" will be clapped on tighter than ever before against the violation of any law while it is a law.

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W. J. Davis, V. Pres.
H. M. Smith, Cashier.
Sam Hays and Walter Hays, Assistants.

Two-cent passenger fare is a very popular issue with most all the Legislators. All, too, it seems, are very much in favor of some proposition that will bring about a permanent system of good roads. Judge Kendall of Mexico will be interested that several bills have been introduced proposing to "squeeze" to some extent at least, that terrible "red devil," the auto.

Grab at the capitol is reasonably cheap this session—the hotels and eating houses seem to have caught the spirit, also, that graft is wrong by whomsoever it is practiced. You can get rabbit gravy, as of yore, and all the other good eatables by paying a fair price.

GETS TEN YEARS.

Goes to Prison Account of Killing Over Few Bushels of Corn.

Paris, Mo., Jan. 10.—After deliberating twenty-four hours, the jury in the Sebastian murder case reported a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed the penalty at ten years in the penitentiary. The prominence of the parties to the tragedy and the trivial matter over which it occurred made this one of the most notable cases ever tried at Paris.

John Sebastian, a prosperous farmer, had rented a small field to Ben Sager, a neighbor, for half the crop raised. On the morning of October 24 they had a dispute over the division of the corn, a very few bushels being in controversy. Sager's two sons, at his direction, had gone to the field to gather a load, and were doing so when Sebastian arrived upon the scene and claimed that they were gathering from rows assigned to him in the division. After ordering them to stop, he climbed into the wagon and threw the corn out. One of the boys went for his father. He came immediately, Sebastian having gone to the house and secured a revolver in the meantime. A fight followed, in which Ben Sager was instantly killed and his son, Claud, so badly wounded that death resulted in a few days. Sebastian was wounded in several places by corn knives wielded by the Sagers.

Paris, Mo., Jan. 12.—Attorneys Whitecotton and Barnes filed a motion for a new trial in the Sebastian case to-night. They allege misconduct on the part of the Deputy Sheriff in improperly communicating with the jury.

Affidavits in support were filed with the motion. Judge Eby will grant a hearing in April.

He has given the State until March 15 to file counter-affidavits. Sebastian is out on \$3,000 bond.

Leave of Absence.

U. S. District Attorney D. P. Dyer and his son, Horace L. Dyer, assistant district attorney, have received permission from Attorney General Moody to vacate their positions during the trial of D. P. Dyer, Jr., who is under indictment for embezzlement in connection with the shortage of \$61,200 in the St. Louis subtreasury. The leave of absence of both is for thirty days from December 25, 1906.

Gov. Folk granted a reprieve to Wm. Spangh of Centerville.

The Supreme Court took up again the case of Aggie Myers and Hottel and they have another Ave months in which to report.

THE EDITOR'S WOES.

The mud is knee deep with abundance of rain
And the editor can't ride any more on the train!

Jiminy crickets, don't you all pity him,
With the post office people all making a din
About his free samples—and white space in ads,
And patent insides and similar fads?
They have it in for him, no person can doubt it;
He's living too high, no question about it!
They'll jerk him down hard from above his poor brothers
And teach him to live on a level with others.
They'll put his good paper in the catalog class
And cause him to walk 'stead of ride on a pass.
And when they've removed all his sources of gain
They'll "Madden" him further in body and brain
'Til he cuts the whole biz and to Jeff. City goes,
Or to some other place where he'll have fewer woes.
And what of the readers? Well, they can remain
At home and read catalogs time and again.

Pike's Work on Roads.

From a letter to the Bowling Green Times:

I see that the State is getting worked up over the idea of improving our Public Roads. There is to be a convention held in Jefferson City the 12th and 16th of January for the purpose of passing resolutions to be presented to the Legislature asking that a large portion of the convicts in the penitentiary be required to work the public roads. When I was in the Legislature I got thru a bill to work all the prisoners in the county jails, convicted of misdemeanors, on the public roads. When there are as many as ten prisoners convicted of misdemeanors, my bill makes it mandatory on the County Court to employ some competent person to take charge of the prisoners and work them under the direction of the road overseer. The County Court may make the order to work the prisoners when less than ten. I went before the last Court to get them to make the order to work the prisoners on the public roads and to employ some good man to see that they worked. The Court made the order and employed the deputy sheriff to look after the work, but not a day's work was done as far as I ever heard.—Joe Tapley.

Mrs. Lottie Delmontie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rader of north of town, was shot and killed in the door of her home in Monett, Arizona, New Year's eve at midnight. Her remains were brought to Centralia Sunday night and interred in the city cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Her husband says the shooting was evidently accidental. The town was celebrating the arrival of the New Year by shooting. He was not at home. The supposition is that Mrs. Delmontie was standing in the door when a stray bullet struck her in the neck, severing the jugular vein.—Centralia Courier.

Mrs. Romans Dead.

Mrs. Thomas Romans, of near Martinsburg, who had been very ill for some time of consumption, peacefully passed to the beyond last Saturday. The husband and a daughter survive her. The MESSAGE extends sympathy to the bereaved ones.

John E. Mundy, north of Mexico, attended the big farmers' meeting in Columbia last week. He was delighted with what he saw and heard. Says the meeting was of great profit to all who attended, and he thinks more Audrain county farmers should have been there; they would have gotten many new thoughts and good suggestions.

DREAMING.

[The following parody on "Thinking To-night on the Old Camp Grounds" was written by Mrs. Chas. Hardin near the close of the Civil War.]

I'm dreaming to-night, I'm dreaming to-night,
Dreaming of the loved and the lost;
Dreaming of the days so joyous and bright
O'er sorrow my life barque tossed.

Dreaming to-night, dreaming to-night,
Dreaming of the long, long ago,
Dreaming to-night, dreaming to-night,
Dreaming of the long, long ago.

Dreaming of hands fondly clasped in mine own,
Dreaming of the kind words said,
But waking, alas, to sorrow alone,
Weeping o'er my earth hopes fled.

Dreaming of eyes that tender and true
Cheered me in life's rosy morn,
Their glances in dreams alone I can view,
I wake but to find them all gone.

I will dream no more, I will dream no more,
Dream not of the buried past,
The future has joys for me in store,
In heav'n I will find them at last.

Thinking to-night, thinking to-night,
Thinking of my home in heaven,
Thinking to-night, thinking to-night,
Thinking of my home in heaven.

No dreaming in heaven, I will dream 'not there,
But wake unto life real and true;
No dark clouds of grief or gloom despair,
Will rise to obscure the bright view.—M. H. H.

Our venerable friend D. H. Harris, north of Mexico, will celebrate his 90th birthday the 23d of this month. He has lived where he now resides 34 years; came overland to Missouri from Albemarle county, Ga., in 1854. He is stout and hearty for one of his age. May he celebrate many more happy birthdays.

Weddings.

Mr. James Crawley of Kansas and Miss Erna Lower of Rush Hill were married in Mexico last Wednesday, Rev. Kokendoffer officiating.

Mr. Clem Peyton and Miss Emma Weber were married in this city at the home of the officiating clergyman, A. W. Kokendoffer.

Miss Bessie Maxwell of St. Louis formerly of this city and Wm. J. Nicholson, of St. Louis, are soon to wed.

Married, at Vandalia last week Mr. Perry Kelley and Miss Stella Watson. They will live on the J. B. Llewellyn farm near that city.

Prof. E. D. Lee, an Audrain boy, who was partly raised near Rush Hill, this county, who has been attending the Missouri University two or three years, has been called to take charge of the Clarksville, Mo., public school as principal at a salary of \$100 per month. Miss Oglesby who preceded him resigned on account of sickness. Mr. Lee has four teachers under him. He knows no such word as fail, and will get the Clarksville school to the front. He changes his address for the paper from Columbia and writes this office: "I can't afford to be without the MESSAGE."

FROM FRANKLIN CO

Prosperity in a Fruit Country.

(From one of Andrain's most praiseworthy former citizens.)

It will soon be one year since we left Andrain but we still hold you all in kind remembrance, and we will never forget our kind neighbors in the Prairie county. We own a nice farm here in Franklin Co., 4 1/2 miles from Sullivan, have a large orchard and could you have seen it when the apples were ripe, it was enough to gladden the heart of any poor wayfarer.

We have had such an abundance of fruit of all kinds, since the dewberries ripened in June. It surely makes one happy to have such abundance of fresh fruit. It makes one feel like thanking God all the time for his goodly gifts to the children of men. We had a good season for grain; corn as fine as we ever raised in our lives. Worley shocked two ears from the same stalk that weighed three lbs. Wheat is looking fine; everybody is expecting a big crop this year.

This part of Missouri is all timber except where it has been cleared; the soil is very sandy but has very productive qualities. The land we had in corn the neighbors say has been in corn every year for four years and still we had a fine crop. People here mostly go to the extremes in wheat, the same as Andrain does in corn; always put the land in wheat as long as they can get a bushel; take everything off of the land and put nothing back, so it is a wonder to me they get anything. We have very friendly, kind neighbors but most of them old settlers and their children are a go-easy sort of people, caring little for appearances. But people are coming in from almost everywhere and I think it will soon be quite a different country.

The Riggs family from Louisiana, the Vickers from near Mexico and several from near Mexico and from Illinois that live near us.

We are always glad to see the day ushered in that brings us the MESSAGE. It is like glad tidings from a far country. Long may it live and grow better every day.

This is a land of gravel roads and plenty of fuel; we never know a fuel famine here; have the fire you desire without asking railroads or corporations.

Your sincere friend,
SARAH L. GRIM.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mary G. Vermillion, 60 years of age, well known in this county, died Saturday at her home in Bowling Green.

The infant daughter of Legare Gary and wife died last Wednesday. Funeral service at their home by Rev. Kokendoffer.

John B. Armistead, aged 75 years, died of pneumonia at his home north of Mexico. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Crockett of this city. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Aker at the Methodist church. A good man has gone to his reward.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Weinand, wife of Charles Weinand who lives eleven miles northwest of Mexico, was held here Saturday at the Catholic church, Father Dillon conducting the service. Deceased leaves the husband and three sons, Charles and Will Weinand of Glasgow and Frank of Mexico, to mourn their loss. The family were former residents in this city and have a large number of friends who sympathize with the bereaved.

HIGHER LICENSE.

Good Men of Mexico Seem Satisfied With the Present Number of Saloons.

One of the most intensely practical meetings that has been held in this city for years was that Thursday night at the Methodist church when the saloon question was discussed. P. H. Cullen, O. Hitt and J. W. Million led off in the discussion and made earnest stirring speeches. R. M. White, C. M. Aker, C. A. Barnes, S. P. Edmons, A. M. Keltner, Col. W. D. Fonville and others also addressed the large audience.

The question up was not that of prohibition but that of prevention of increase in the number of saloons here. The election of councilmen who will vote to raise the license to \$3000 was thought to be the best way to discourage recent petitioners for license. H. E. Truex called a rising vote from the very large audience on the question of how many were in favor of raising the license and opposing more saloons; all but about fifteen stood. The audience seemed to be roused to the present need of practical effort and accomplishment.

Prof. Allen Moore, president of the Chillicothe Normal School died suddenly in Kansas City last Tuesday from the effects of an overdose of a sleeping potion.

Miss Mabel Kelly resigned her position in the school at Auxvasse because of sickness. Miss Ruby Beckley will take her place.

Dr. Will Botts of Shreveport, La., is coming back to Mexico next week to locate. He is now visiting in St. Louis and spending time at the various hospitals.

PETIT JURY.

Circuit Court Opens Next Week—Grand Jury Will Also Be in Session.

The following are the petit jurors who have been drawn for the January term of Circuit Court:

J T Tinder,	Saling.
John Day,	"
A J Hall,	Wilson
O F Squires,	"
J L Smith,	"
W O McKenzie,	"
M B Sipple,	Cuivre.
J B Glascock,	"
G O Watson,	"
Chas Scott,	"
C T Fisher,	"
John Jerman,	"
T C Botts,	Prairie.
John Hanger,	"
J R Snook,	Linn.
J S Harper,	"
J H Wayne,	Salt River.
D T Hickman,	"
S M Gilbert,	"
P D Riggs,	"
H. Householder,	"
Jas. Dowell,	"
H P French,	Loutre.
L A Harris,	"

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